WHO'S FIRST?

COME ON, DIABLO, NO ONE WANTS TO DO THIS AGAIN.

BESIDES, IT DIDN'T TURN OUT SO GOOD FOR YOU LAST TIME.

THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING!

LISTEN, MY FRIEND, BEFORE YOU TAKE A STEP OFF THAT BIKE, LET'S BE CLEAR ABOUT ONE THING.

NO ONE IS SORRIER THAN ME THAT THINGS GOT A BIT OUT OF HAND LAST NIGHT. WE WERE JUST TRYING TO GET YOUR ATTENTION. WE HAD A POINT TO MAKE.

PERHAPS WE WERE EVEN TRYING TO GET YOU RILED UP A BIT, RAISE YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE. ROOKIE MISTAKE, CALL IT WHAT YOU WILL.

BUT YOU NEED TO CHILL, BORICUA, WE'RE ON THE SAME TEAM. LET'S TAKE THE HOSTILITIES AND GO AFTER BAD GUYS.

MAYBE HAVE A--WHAT DO THE PAPERS CALL IT?--"TEAM-UP" SOME DAY.

WADDAYA SAY, BYGONES?

NO MAGIC IN HIS WORDS THIS TIME. HIS HEART RATE, BLOOD PRESSURE, BREATHING...

...HE'S TELLING THE TRUTH.

DAREDEVIL/FATHER
CHAPTER FOUR

# STREET ANGELS

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KRACKKK!
SORRY, BOSS! CHANGO AIN'T LETTING THIS GUY OFF THAT EASY.
HEARD HIM COMING A MILE AWAY. IT LETS ME ROLL WITH THE PUNCH.
EVERY ONE OF THESE SUPER-TEAMS ALWAYS HAS A LOOSE CANNON...
...THIS GUY IS IT.
HIS BODY, CHARGING, STATIC CRACKLING. ONLY ONE SHOT.
FOOL ME ONCE, SHAME ON YOU.
SHNK!
FOOL ME TWICE...
KRRRRAKKKT!
WHAT DO YOU KNOW? INSTANT LIGHTNING ROD!
KRAKK!

IMPRESSIVE.
THAT'S WHAT HE GETS FOR TALKING ABOUT HIMSELF IN THE THIRD PERSON.
REMEMBER ME, PRETTY MAN?
HOW COULD I EVER FORGET?
NICELY DONE.
THE MAN'S A PRO.
UNGH, MY JAW. KILL...THAT... SONOVA--
UGHFF!
LET ME KNOW IF THAT #$!#ING GARBAGE SMELLS FAMILIAR!
OOOOOOOOH, PAPI...

...YOU GOT A DIRTY MOUTH.
BUT LOOKIE WHAT I HAVE!
CRREK!
FAWOOSH
TIME TO WASH IT OUT!
WHOOPSIE, I MISSED, BUT I CAN FIX!
SHHROOF!
Hardware Store
NARGH!
SHHHTHWISH!
SHHHTHWISH!
SHHHTHWISH!
HOW MUCH DO YOU LOVE ME, DIABLITO?

BECAUSE, YO TE AMO...
...THIS MUCH.
AAAAAGHRGH!
OSHUN'S KILLING HIM.
WATCH AND LEARN.
KAFF! HACK! KOFF-KOFF!
SPAK!
SPLSSSH!
SHALL I?
JUST SCARE HIM ENOUGH TO MAKE HIM STOP.
REMEMBER, HE'S MERELY HUMAN. IF YOU HIT HIM...

"...YOU'LL KILL HIM!"
TIME TO STOP THIS NOW, LITTLE MAN.
KRYNK!
NTZ!
ELEGGUA COMMANDS--
YAAAAEEAARGH! YOU LITTLE--I WAS
OKAY, ENOUGH!

WHAT IS GOING ON?
JUST A LITTLE SPELL, MR. MURDOCK. CONFUSION AND COMMUNICATION ARE MY SPECIALTY.
I COULD KEEP THIS UP AND DRIVE YOU ALL MAD, BUT WHAT'S THE POINT? SO, INSTEAD, ALLOW ME TO COMMUNICATE THIS AS CLEARLY AS I CAN TO YOU.
YOU JUST HANDED US OUR BEHINDS. CERTAINLY, WHAT WE DESERVED AFTER OUR LAST MEETING.
GROAN.
NeRo
AND DESPITE MY DEAR OGUN'S SORELY DAMAGED "PRIDE," I'D LIKE TO REPEAT: WE ARE ALL ON THE SAME SIDE.
SO NOW THAT WE'VE BLOWN OFF SOME STEAM...
WHAT DO YOU SAY, DIABLO?
SHALL WE TRY THIS AGAIN?
NO POINT IN KEEPING THIS UP.
I NEED TO USE MY HEAD.
THOUGH I THINK THERE WILL COME A TIME WHEN I'LL NEED TO DEAL WITH THEM, THEY'RE NOT THE ENEMY.
AT LEAST NOT TODAY.

THIS IS BULL$#!@, WE HAVEN'T RESOLVED A THING. WE'RE STILL PICKING UP THIS LOSER'S SLACK!
WHAT CHANGO IS SAYING IS TRUE, MR. MURDOCK.
WHILE IT'S AN HONOR TO MEET YOU, IT WOULD BE A GREATER HONOR TO FIGHT ALONGSIDE YOU.
I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP. HELL'S KITCHEN IS CLEAN.
BUT THAT'S JUST IT. YOU HAVEN'T SOLVED THE REST OF THE CITY'S SUFFERING. WE NEED YOU.
SORRY, NOT INTERESTED.
YOU KNOW, FOR A GUY WHO JUST WON A LAWSUIT AGAINST A TABLOID FOR FALSELY CLAIMING THAT HE'S A SUPER HERO, YOU SURE ARE A TRUSTING MAN.
ARE YOU THREATENING ME?
YOU CAN TAKE THAT HOWEVER YOU WANT, MR. MURDOCK.
I JUST DON'T THINK THE PUBLIC WOULD TAKE TOO KINDLY TO A HERO WHO LIED JUST TO SAVE HIS OWN SKIN.
SCREEEEEEEERRRRRRRVVVVVMMMMMM!
SNF

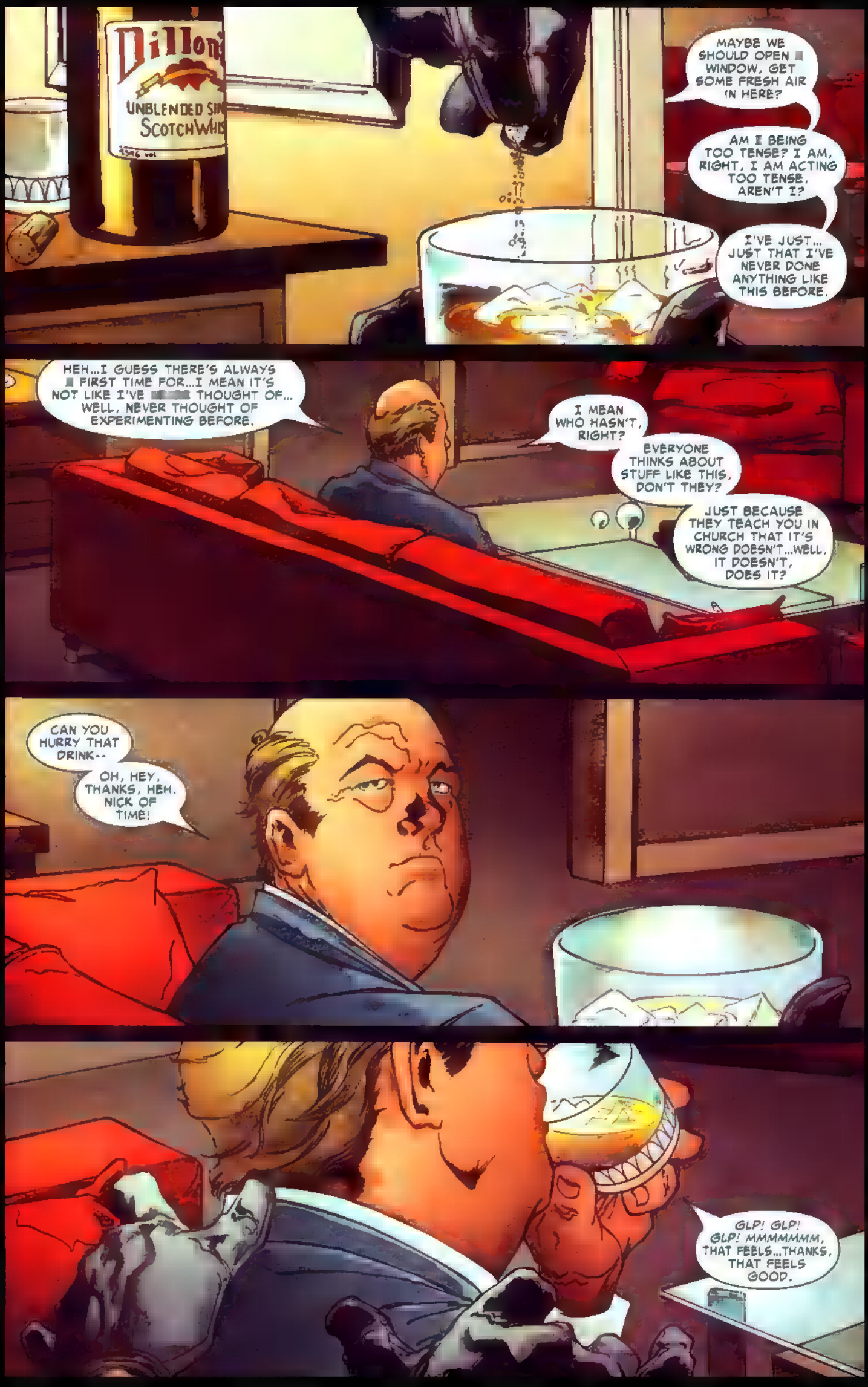
HELP ME.
MY FATHER WAS A GOOD MAN.
A GOOD MAN CAUGHT UP IN A BAD SITUATION.

IT WAS THE BEGINNING OF MY SEEING THE WORLD THROUGH HIS.
MR. MURDOCK?
MAGGIE! YOU'RE EARLY.
YOU'RE EARLIER.
YEAH, YOU KNOW, THE FRESH AIR AND ALL. THANKS FOR MEETING ME OUT HERE. MY OFFICE GETS A BIT STUFFY FROM TIME TO TIME.
OH, JEEZE, WHERE ARE MY MANNERS?
PLEASE, SIT DOWN, JOIN ME.
BEE-BOOP
YOUR CELL?
IT'S MY FATHER. EXCUSE ME FOR A SECOND.
HI, DADDY!
YES, DADDY... YOU'RE RIGHT, DADDY...
I'M SORRY, DADDY...

...I KNOW IT'S BEEN WEEKS. I'M... I'M SORRY, DADDY, I PROMISE...
I PROMISE I WON'T DO IT AGAIN. NO...NO, I CAN'T TALK RIGHT NOW.
I'LL CALL YOU BACK--NOW'S NOT A GOOD--YES, I'LL CALL YOU BACK IN A FEW MINUTES, I'M [redacted] THE MIDDLE OF SOME--
WITH A... [redacted] FRIEND
YES, IT'S A MAN...
PLEASE, DADDY. DON'T CALL ME THAT!
DON'T EVER CALL ME TH--
BOOP!
MY DAD...HE'S...HE'S ALWAYS BEEN...A BIT ROUGH AROUND THE EDGES.
HE'S NEVER LIKED SEAN.
WELL, THAT'S NEITHER [redacted] NOR THERE. SO, YOU WANTED TO MEET WITH ME. IS THERE A PROBLEM WITH THE LAWSUIT?
ACTUALLY, MAGGIE, I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT SEAN.
DO YOU LOVE HIM?
--OF COURSE I--WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?

DO YOU STILL LOVE HIM AFTER HE HITS YOU?
HOW DARE YOU!!! WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?
SLAPP!
PERHAPS YOU'RE ACCUSTOMED TO DEALING WITH WEAK WOMEN WHO ARE LOOKING FOR A KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOR, BUT I CAN ASSURE YOU, MR. MURDOCK...
...I AM NOT ONE OF THOSE WOMEN.
MAGGIE, PLEASE, ALL I'M TRYING TO SAY--
I HIRED YOU TO ■ MY LAWYER, NOT MY CONFIDANTE!
BESIDES, I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE WITH BRUISES. HOW--
I FELL.
YOU FELL. YOU FELL?
HAHAHAHA!
YOU KNOW WHAT, MR. MURDOCK? I BELIEVE YOU. BUT HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF I JUMPED TO THE CONCLUSION THAT SOMEONE IN YOUR LIFE WAS ABUSING YOU?
I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT--
SCREW YOU, YOU'RE FIRED!

COMMISSIONER, WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF YOUR LONG-TIME FRIEND, AND NOW EX-COMMISSIONER, ROGER SMITH BEING RELIEVED OF ALL DUTIES?
NeRo?
HE'S CLAIMING THE MEDIA IS MAKING HIM A SCAPEGOAT FOR ALL THINGS "SOCKETS."
NeRo, ARE YOU HERE?
WELL, BARRY, I DON'T THINK NOW IS THE TIME OR PLACE TO PLAY THE BLAME GAME.
ALL I KNOW IS THAT ROGER SMITH IS THE BEST COP I'VE EV--
CLH
YES, SILVIA.
OH MY GOD, YOU SCARED THE ♦✱!@ OUT OF ME.
I'M SORRY, I WAS DISTRACTED, I DIDN'T MEAN--
WHERE...IS THAT ANOTHER ROOM IN THERE? I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD...
THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS YOU DON'T KNOW, SILVIA. NOW, HOW CAN I HELP YOU?
I JUST CAME TO REMIND YOU ABOUT THE STARK FUNDRAISER TONIGHT.
DAMN! SEND MY CONDOLENCES; SEND THEM A SIGNED GUITAR OR SOMETHING, WILL YOU. I...I WON'T BE ABLE TO MAKE IT.
ARE YOU OKAY?
I'M FINE. NOTHING THAT SOME FRESH AIR CAN'T FIX.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UNBLENDED SIX
SCOTCH WHIS
MAYBE WE SHOULD OPEN A WINDOW, GET SOME FRESH AIR IN HERE?
AM I BEING TOO TENSE? I AM, RIGHT, I AM ACTING TOO TENSE, AREN'T I?
I'VE JUST... JUST THAT I'VE NEVER DONE ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE.
HEH...I GUESS THERE'S ALWAYS A FIRST TIME FOR...I MEAN IT'S NOT LIKE I'VE [redacted] THOUGHT OF... WELL, NEVER THOUGHT OF EXPERIMENTING BEFORE.
I MEAN WHO HASN'T, RIGHT?
EVERYONE THINKS ABOUT STUFF LIKE THIS, DON'T THEY?
JUST BECAUSE THEY TEACH YOU IN CHURCH THAT IT'S WRONG DOESN'T...WELL, IT DOESN'T, DOES IT?
CAN YOU HURRY THAT DRINK--
OH, HEY, THANKS, HEH. NICK OF TIME!
GLP! GLP! GLP! MMMMMMM, THAT FEELS...THANKS, THAT FEELS GOOD.

WOW, THAT'S A... THASA STRONG... DRI...
WHADIDJA PUH-P-P...
Melvin Potter
NGH GH
NNNGGGHHH!

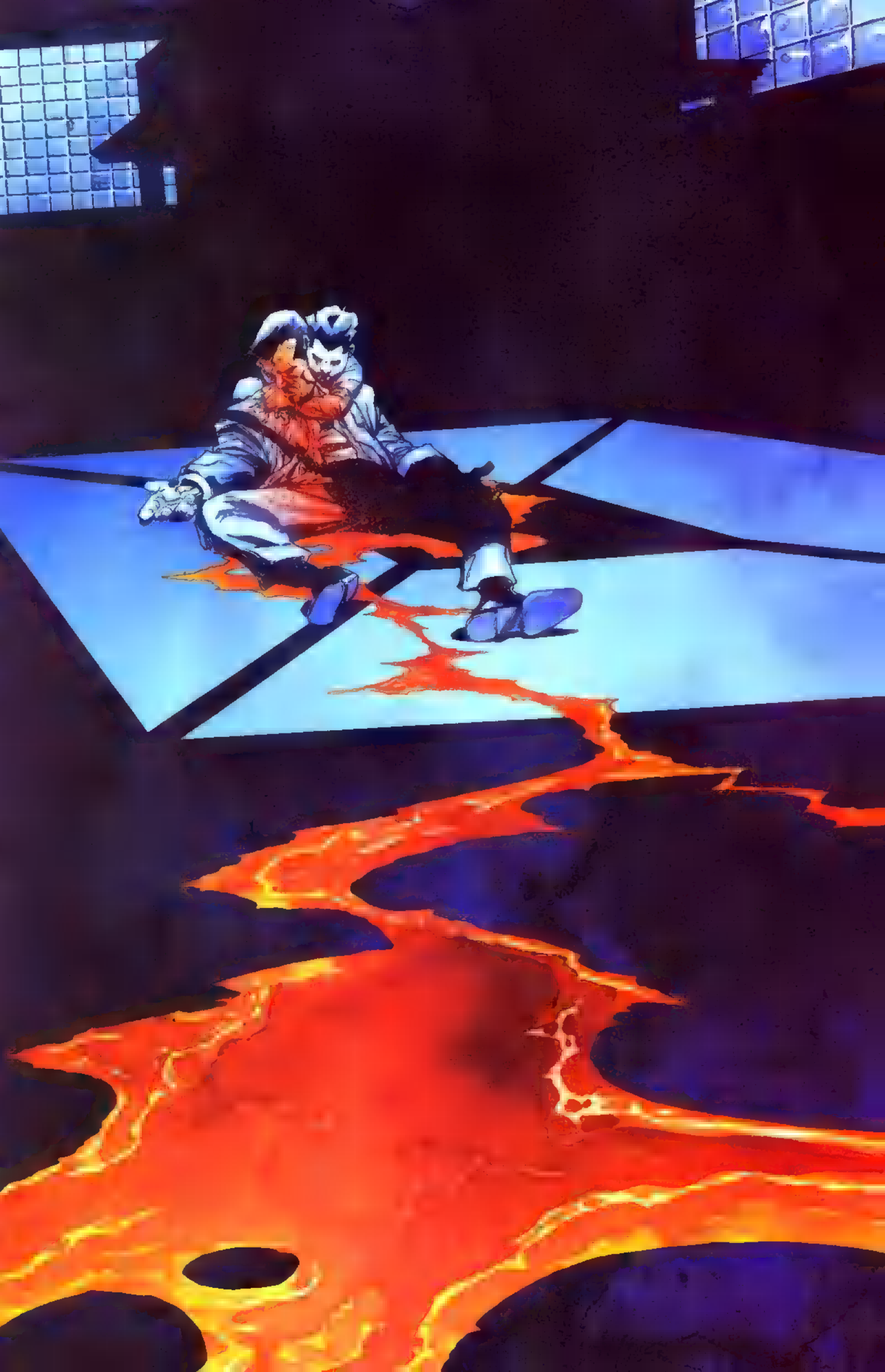
DING!
SHOOOOM
--AND ZOO OFFICIALS ARE CAUTIONING OF MORE DEATHS IF THE HEAT WAVE CONTINUES.
BACK TO YOU, CANDY!
THANKS, RANDY!
COULD "JOHNNY SOCKETS" BE HEADING TO A THEATER NEAR YOU? IS BRAD RIGHT FOR THE PART?
CHESTER BROR JOINS US TO DISCUSS WHAT COULD BE THE MOST-SOUGHT-AFTER ROLE IN HOLLYWOOD IN DECADES.
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.
HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE?
THAT AND MORE ON NIGHTTIME NEW YORK...
I KNOW.

WHAT DO YOU WANT?
I KNOW WHO YOU ARE.
I KNOW WHAT YOU ARE.
I KNOW WHY YOU DO IT, "NERO."
...RIGHT AFTER THESE MESSAGES.
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? GET OUT OF MY OFFICE BEFORE I CALL SECURITY!
HOW LONG DID YOU INTEND TO KEEP THIS A SECRET? HOW LONG DID YOU THINK YOU COULD HIDE?
WHAT WOULD YOUR FATHER SAY?
ONLY.
WHAT DO YOU CARE ABOUT MY FATHER?
ONLY YOU.
I KNOW THAT YOUR FATHER WAS A GOOD MAN WHO--
ONLY ME.
YOU DON'T KNOW JACK, BRO!
"SURE, YEAH, HE WAS A VERY GOOD MAN.
"AND I WANTED TO BE JUST LIKE HIM."

"THAT'S WHY I STARTED THE STREET ANGELS. I THOUGHT WE COULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE. I THOUGHT IT WOULD MAKE HIM PROUD.
"ESPECIALLY BACK THEN, DURING THE CROSS BRONX DRUG WARS.
"THEN ONE NIGHT, MAYBE YOU'LL REMEMBER IT, WE GOT A TIP.
"I KNEW IT WAS DANGEROUS. I DIDN'T WANT TO GET THE OTHER KIDS INVOLVED, SO I SENT THEM TO GET THE AUTHORITIES...
"MY TIP TURNED OUT TO BE HOTTER THAN I EXPECTED.
"THERE WAS SOME SORT OF DEAL GOING DOWN. I COULD HEAR THE MEN IN THE ROOM ARGUING, RAISING THEIR VOICES...IT WAS GETTING BAD.
"THEN IT GOT WORSE."
DAD?
NESTOR?
DAD, WHAT ARE YOU DOING? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
NESTOR, YOU NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE RIGHT NOW!!!
STREET ANGELS

I TOLD YOU, COUNCILMAN. I TOLD YOU YOUR BOY AND THIS SILLY STREET ANGELS PUBLICITY STUNT WOULD BE A PROBLEM.
NOW WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO CLEAN THIS MESS UP.
BARBER, GIVE THIS POOR SAP YOUR GUN.
NO, PLEASE. YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT? THERE HAS TO BE ANOTHER WAY.
HECTOR, WHO BOUGHT YOU YOUR ELECTION? WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR BEAUTIFUL HOUSE IN SCARSDALE? WHO KEEPS THE PAPERS FROM SNIFFING UP YOUR CORRUPT BEHIND? I'M BEGINNING TO THINK YOU'VE FORGOTTEN.
DON'T MAKE ME QUESTION YOUR LOYALTY.
DAD?
STREET ANGELS
NNNNNNNNN...

NOOOOOOO! I WON'T DO IT!
I WON'T DO IT, YOU HEAR ME!? YOU HEAR ME, YOU FAT TUB OF ♦#!%!!!
DIE, YOU FAT PIECE OF ♦#@♦%#!
DIE!
BLAM!
HEY, KID.
SEE YA AROUND!



KARNAGE
YOU'RE TOO LATE.
"I SPENT THE NEXT WEEKS, THE NEXT MONTHS, ANSWERING POLICE QUESTIONS, AVOIDING THE MEDIA, AND SECRETLY DESTROYING ANY EVIDENCE THAT MY DAD WAS INVOLVED WITH THAT SCUM.
"HIS LEGACY WAS SAFE WITH ME.
"MY MEMORY OF HIM WOULDN'T HOLD UP AS WELL."
"SO THAT'S WHY YOU DO IT?"

YEAH, THAT'S WHY I BECAME ELEGGUA.
BECAUSE YOU WERE LATE...
BE THE ONLY ONE...
...FOR THE ONE YOU LOVE.
...AND THERE AREN'T ENOUGH GUYS LIKE YOU TO GO AROUND.
THAT'S WHY I STARTED THE SANTERIANS.
ARE YOU HAPPY? NOW, WHY THE HELL ARE YOU HERE, WHAT DO YOU WANT?
PARITY. YOU THREATENED ME. YOU KNOW MY IDENTITY, NOW I KNOW YOURS.
TOUCHÉ. HOW DID YOU FIGURE OUT IT WAS ME?
ONLY COLOGNE...
THAT STUFF YOU WEAR.
...DESIGNED TO NEVER SMELL THE SAME ON ANY TWO PEOPLE.
ONLY COLOGNE FOR THE ONLY ONE YOU LOVE.
SNF! IT REALLY DOES WORK.
ONLY COLOGNE FOR MEN BY NeRo.
GET OUT.

AND WE'RE BACK. I'M CANDY COTTON.
AND I'M RANDY FIRKANDI. AND THIS IS NIGHTTIME NEW YORK.
JUST EXPLAIN ONE THING TO ME, YOUR POWERS--HOW DID YOU--?
I SAID, GET OUT.
FINE. I'LL GET OUT OF YOUR HAIR. BUT WATCH YOUR STEP, I'LL BE WATCHING YOU.
YEAH, YOU DO THAT, MR. DEVIL.
THIS JUST IN: YET ANOTHER POSSIBLE "JOHNNY SOCKETS" SERIAL KILLING, AND IT LOOKS LIKE THEY MAY HAVE CAUGHT A BREAK IN THE CASE!
AND WHEN YOU GET TIRED OF WATCHING ME, MAYBE YOU CAN HELP THE REST OF US TRY TO FIND THIS LUNATIC.
YOU CAN BE
DAILY
JOHNNY SOCKETS STRIKES!
METS SLIDE CON
SHOULDN'T CONCERN ME OR YOU. LEAVE IT FOR THE FBI; THEY DO A FINE JOB. BESIDES, THAT S.O.B. WOULDN'T HAVE THE GUTS TO STEP INTO MY KITCHEN.
WITH MORE IS OUR ON-THE-SPOT REPORTER, COCO DIOR. COCO?
THANKS, RANDY. RUMOR RUNS RAMPANT HERE AT POLICE PLAZA TONIGHT THAT, WITH THE HELP OF THE FBI, A STRONG LEAD HAS MATERIALIZED...
HOW DO YOU KNOW HE HASN'T ALREADY, CUZ?

...AND THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE THEIR FIRST SUSPECT IN THE CASE.
HOW DO YOU KNOW!?
TO BE CONTINUED